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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Brenda Coleman

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,7,17,45-47,54 and 55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,7,17,45-47,54 and 55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/419,761.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 2, 7, 17, 45-47, 54 and 55 are pending in the application.

This action is in response to applicants' amendment filed August 5, 2004. Claim 54 has been amended.

Change of Examiner

Note the change of Examiner in the present application. The Art Unit number (1624) remains the same.

Response to Amendment

In view of the amendments and arguments in the response of August 5, 2004, all the rejections of record have been overcome. However, upon further search and review, the **finality of the previous office action is withdrawn** and the new grounds of rejection below are seen necessary.

Note: The applicants' are reminded of the manner of making amendments.

37 CFR § 1.121 Manner of making amendments in application.

(c) Claims. Amendment to a claim must be made by rewriting the entire claim with all changes (e.g., additions and deletions) as indicated in this subsection, except when the claim is being canceled. Each amendment document that includes a change to an existing claim, cancellation of an existing claim or addition of a new claim, must include a complete listing of all claims ever presented, including the text of all pending and withdrawn claims, in the application. The claim listing, including the text of the claims in the amendment document will serve to replace all prior versions of the claims in the application. In the claim listing, **the status of every claim must be indicated** after its claim number by using one of the following identifiers in a parenthetical expression: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), and (Not entered).

Claim 50 is not present and claim 52 appears twice.

Priority

1. The applicants have indicated in the first line of the specification that this application is as follows:

This application is a divisional application of application serial no. 09/419,761 tiled October 19, 1999, **now allowed**, which claims priority under **35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application PA 1998 01352 tiled October 21, 1998**, and of U.S. Provisional application 60/105,912 tiled October 28, 1998, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.

The first line of the specification must indicate any applications which where filed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e) or 120. However, any foreign priority document, i.e. PA 1998 01352 should not be cited in this paragraph.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1, 2, 7, 17, 45-47, 54 and 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The following reasons apply:
 - a) Claims 1, 2 (and claims dependent thereon) are vague and indefinite in that it is not known what is meant by the definition of R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ where "optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxyl, nitro or cyano" appears after the semicolon following the definition of the substituents

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on the amino within the definition of R^{11} and R^{12} . Clarification is required as to which moiety is substituted.

b) Claims 1, 7 (and claims dependent thereon) are vague and indefinite in that it is not known what is meant by the definition of ring A which is optionally substituted with hydrogen.

c) Claim 1 (and claims dependent thereon) are vague and indefinite in that it is not known what is meant by the definition of R^5 and R^6 where "optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxyl, nitro or cyano" appears after the semicolon following aralkyl. Clarification is required as to which moiety is substituted.

d) Claim 1 (and claims dependent thereon) are vague and indefinite in that it is not known what is meant by the definition of R^7 and R^8 where "optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxyl, nitro or cyano" appears after the semicolon following heteroaralkyl group. Clarification is required as to which moiety is substituted.

e) Claim 7 recites the limitation "cyano, C_{4-7} -alkenynyl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxy C_{1-7} -alkyl, amino, acylamino, C_{1-7} -alkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, amino C_{1-7} -alkyl, C_{1-7} -alkoxy C_{1-7} -alkyl, aryloxy C_{1-7} -alkyl, aralkoxy C_{1-7} -alkyl, C_{1-7} -alkylthio, thio C_{1-7} -alkyl, C_{1-7} -alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, $-COR^{11}$, or $-SO_2R^{12}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, perhalomethyl or

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amino optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy or cyano" in the definition of the substituents on ring A. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

f) Claim 45 recites the limitation "(6,7-Dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,g*]azocin-12-yl)" in the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd species. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

g) Claim 46 recites the limitation "(6,7-Dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,g*]azocin-12-yl)" in the 2nd species. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-0665. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on 571-272-0674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Coleman".

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Primary Examiner Art Unit 1624
August 25, 2004